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Via ECFS Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

## Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1

Dear FCC,

Leave the Telecom Act of 1996 intact. Competition is always good and we the consumer are the beneficiaries of that. We support Gorge.Net for the Gorge area.

We absolutely say no to price hikes increasing the cost of the internet and telephone services. We are retired people that live on a fixed income. All things are increasing in price. We certainly don't need one more thing to add to that.

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